No compromise on Sindh's gains under 18th Amendment: Nisar Khuhro

Says PPP's support for Constitutional Court is not in revenge for death sentence to Z.A. Bhutto by judiciary

By M.B. Kalhoro

LARKANA: Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Sindh President Nisar Khuhro has said that whether it is the 27th Amendment or 28th, his party will not compromise on the 18th Amendment, provincial autonomy and the provinces' share in the NFC Award.

Addressing a press conference at Larkana Press Club on Tuesday, he described as 'baseless' the objections raised by certain judges of the superior courts on the proposed Constitutional Court through the 27th Amendment.

"Where was the Supreme Court when the country was experiencing takeovers, and the courts were legitimising martial laws and nodding in agreement with the dictators?" he asked.

Khuhro said Constitutional Court was a need of the time as judges would have equal representation in it and the court would examine matters related to the Constitution.

"If anyone has objection to the Constitutional Court, they should logically explain why such a court should not exist," he added. He stated that the establishment of a Constitutional Court was also part of the Charter of Democracy.

He said the 27th Amendment would not affect the daily lives of ordinary citizens, and that PPP's support for the creation of a Constitutional Court was not an attempt to take revenge from the Supreme Court for the execution of Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

"If the PPP wanted revenge, we would not have filed a reference in the Supreme Court to correct the historical record of the Bhutto's execution. As a result of that reference, the court admitted that Bhutto did not receive a fair trial," he said.

He added that the Constitutional Court was needed because it was the same superior judiciary that sentenced Shaheed Bhutto to death in a fabricated case and validated the martial laws. Those who objected to the Constitutional Court today were silent when a parliamentary committee had been formed for the 18th Amendment, and the then Chief Justice Iftikhar Chaudhry had objected to the 18th Amendment as well, he said.

He said: "We are not like Imran Khan who attacked the Supreme Court. We chose the constitutional path as the Constitution allows amendments for improvement, and such improvements will continue to be made," he said. He expressed the hope that after the establishment of the Constitutional Court, equal representation of judges would eventually be ensured in the Supreme Court as well.

Answering a question, he said that before the 27th Amendment, rumours were spread that the provinces' share in the NFC Award would be reduced, the 18th Amendment would be rolled back and new provinces would be created by breaking up Sindh. "But everyone has seen that none of these points were included in the 27th Amendment," he said.

Financial aid for wheat growers

He said that in Sindh, funds were being directly transferred into the accounts of 400,000 registered growers with holdings of up to 25 acres — Rs22,000 per acre — so they could purchase one bag of DAP fertiliser and two bags of urea. Farmers would be able to buy one DAP bag for Rs14,000 and two urea bags for Rs8,000. He said the Sindh government was providing Rs56 billion in subsidies to those registered growers, and awareness seminars would be held in every district under the PPP platform to inform farmers.

He said that agricultural growth in Pakistan had dropped to around three per cent, and exporters had destroyed the agriculture sector because paddy was being purchased at Rs2,200 per 40kg instead of Rs3,500. Therefore, the federal government should restore the Rice Export Corporation and begin purchasing rice and paddy at the government level, he suggested.

Mr Khuhro said the Sindh government had demanded support price of Rs4,000 for per 40kg of wheat, but the federal government had decided a uniform purchase price of Rs3,500 per 40kg for all provinces. He added PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari had resolved farmers' issues, just like the issue of canals, by ensuring that the wheat support price was fixed.

He said that during the Rabi season, the Indus River System Authority did not indicate water shortages; the authority should release water into the Rice Canal during Rabi season so that the crop could flourish.

He added that the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) was not satisfied with the performance of several Sindh government departments, which was why it had recovered Rs26 billion from those departments and deposited the amount into the provincial treasury.

Cops punished for not marking attendance

SUKKUR: A deduction of Rs3,000 was made in the salary of each of 900 policemen who avoided marking their attendance through the prescribed 'Point Me' app, it was officially stated.

According to a statement issued from the office of the Khairpur SSP, a total of around Rs2.7 million was deducted as fine from the salaries of absentee / negligent police officers and personnel.

The 'Point Me' app was introduced in the Sindh police department recently under an initiative taken by IGP Ghulam Nabi Memon to ensure that officers and personnel discharged their duties regularly and with punctuality. It was made mandatory upon all police employees to mark their attendance on the app.

Sources in the police department said that the 'Point Me' app could not be run easily on mobile phones or other such gadgets because the software has certain exclusive security features.

Commenting on the pay cut, Khairpur SSP Hassan Sardar Niazi said that if the affected officers or personnel continued to avoid marking their attendance on 'Point Me', they could face further departmental action. He said the deduction was made as a minor punishment over their 'deliberate' non-compliance of the relevant directives during the month of Sept 2025.

Motorcyclist killed on road

A motorcycle rider was killed on the spot when the two-wheeler was hit by a speeding truck near a railway crossing within the limits of the Bakhshapur police station in Kashmore on Tuesday.

The victim was identified as Umaid Ali Domki.

Residents of the nearby localities gathered at the accident site and recognised him. Police shifted the body to the Kashmore Civil Hospital for a postmortem examination and then handed it over to the heirs.—Correspondent.

Many activists briefly detained after rally against 27th Amendment

By Our Staff Correspondent

HYDERABAD: Activists of different nationalist parties and groups on Tuesday staged a protest demonstration outside the local press club to condemn the passage of 27th amendment.

Several activists were arrested following the protest for violating the Section 144 Cr.PC.

The call for the protest was given by the Sindh Action Committee (SAC) which has been revived only recently at a meeting of like-minded parties held at the residence of Sindh United Party (SUP) chief Syed Zain Shah.

The activists brought out the rally from the Old Campus locality and then converged on the local press club to hold the demonstration. The protest was led by SUP's Senior Vice President Roshan Buriro, Deedar Sham, Sindh Bar Council member Mir Mangrio, High Court Bar Association (HCBA) general secretary Israr Chang and others.

The participants raised slogans against the 27th Amendment and described it as dangerous for integrity of provinces.

"This amendment is also aimed at usurping resources of provinces and attacking the judiciary," the leaders said, adding that rulers would get full protection under the amendment.

They said that the 27th Amendment would only make undemocratic forces more powerful. Sindh's resources would be snatched. Sindh's lands were already being destroyed through corporate farming and they were sold to the corporate sector at throwaway prices, they claimed.

They said that earlier, citizens' right to expression was snatched through the 26th Amendment and now through the 27th one, dictatorship was being imposed. They said that the PPP, "which is a product of undemocratic forces", was part and parcel of this exercise. They vowed to continue their struggle against all such moves.

During the protest, a heavy contingent of Cantonment police arrived at the venue and rounded up at least 15 activists for violating Section 144 Cr.PC. They included Abdul Sami Chandio and Shaukat.

The leaders then gathered in the bar association's office to review the situation after the police action. They decided to block a section of the National Highway for their immediate release.

Later, following a contact between SSP Adeel Chandio and Israr Chang, the detained activists were let off.

Two men killed in car crash

By Our Correspondent

MIRPURKHAS: Two occupants of a car were killed when it collided head-on with a coaster near Qaisar village along Tando Adam road on Tuesday.

The deceased were identified as Mandro Kolhi, a resident of Umerkot, and Ghani Baloch, a resident of Tando Adam.

The bodies were shifted to the Tando Allahyar Civil Hospital for a postmortem examination.

The coaster was impounded and its driver arrested, police said.

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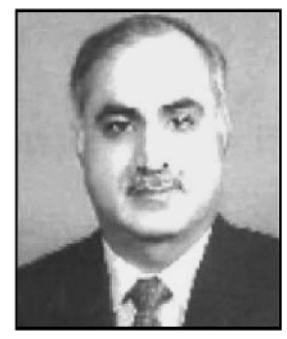

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Reduction in Prices of Dengue, Malaria and CBC Tests From Oct 21st to Dec 31st 2025

It is informed to all laboratories of Sindh Province that Sindh Health Care Commission in exercise of powers conferred under SHCC Act 2013 has reduced and fixed the ceiling prices of above tests as under:

Test Name	Existing Rates in PKR	Reduced Rates in PKR
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Dengue NS 1 Ag (ICT/ELISA)	Up to 4550	1100
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All laboratories, whether operating within Hospitals, as Network or Independently,

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